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DR. WILSON'S TALK

FIRST OF LECTURE SERIES IS GIVEN

Relation of White to Black Race Treated—
Education of the Negro, the Only Solution
Declared the Speaker

Again this year the program committee of the Y. M. C. A. has secured Dr. Wilson to deliver his series of well known lectures on the Negro problem in the South. Besides very valuable information which these lectures afford, Dr. Wilson has endowed them with an unusual attractiveness that furnishes interest and entertainment. The first lecture was given last Wednesday evening at which time the speaker dealt with the history and the nature of the problem.

"Old Savonarola of Florence spoke a profound truth when he said, 'So much as one knows, so much can he do,'" declared the speaker in the beginning; "and the sad thing about the Negro problem in the South is that we don't know anything about it. It was shown by the report and study which Dr. W. D. Weatherford has made on the problem that there are enough Negroes in America to stretch from Williamsburg to New York City and back again, if they were lined up as close as they could be placed side by side. Yet with this vast number of ten millions of the black race in our midst the people of the United States have hardly

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BOOKS COMPLETED RECENTLY BY WILLIAM AND MARY PROFESSORS

"English Usage," by Dr. Hall—"School Efficiency," by Professor Bennett

Two valuable books by members of our faculty are soon to appear on the market; one, "English Usage," by Dr. J. Lesslie Hall; the other, "School Efficiency," by Prof. H. E. Bennett. Both volumes have been favorably reviewed by eminent critics and bid fair to have an extensive circulation. The authors of these books are deep students, and their work is revealed in a most striking manner in their recent productions.

"English Usage" will find publication at the hands of Scott, Fore-

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VARSITY DROPS CHAMPIONSHIP CON- TEST TO RICHMOND BY LOOSE PLAY

Indians Have an Off-day—Cato Makes a Difficult
Catch—Next Game Wednesday, With
Randolph-Macon

Taken with an acute attack of stage fright the Indians were severely beaten by the Richmond Collegians in Richmond last Wednesday by the score of 11 to 0. The Williamsburgers were off in every department of the game while their opponents had an excellent day.

In the first inning the Indians managed to put several runners on the bags but they were not brought home, which was the case afterwards in several instances. Thirteen hits were gathered off of Garnett while Joliff was touched up for seven.

The fielding of the Indians was very ragged and a good many balls were labelled hits which should not have been such. Ground balls were fumbled, fly balls were dropped, and wild throws were the order of the day. About the only redeeming feature of the Indian's play was a beautiful catch by Cato.

This was the first championship game so far and the Indians are badly in need of work. They will be put through gruelling training for the coming match with Randolph-Macon here on the 25th of April.

The box score:

R. C.	AB	R	H	O	A
Ryland, rf	5	1	3	1	0
Liggin, ss	5	2	2	2	3
Crossley 1b	5	2	4	7	0
Carter, lf	5	1	2	1	0
Pitt, 3b	4	2	1	3	1
Northern, 2b	5	1	1	2	2
Miller, lf	3	1	0	4	0
Pearman, c	8	0	0	5	1
Joliff, p	3	0	0	0	3
Luttrell	1	1	0	0	0
? Kuyk, c	0	0	0	2	0
Total	39	11	13	27	10

Enlistments of William and Mary students in the army during the past week:

F. Bennett, 4th Virginia Regiment.
J. W. Walker, 4th Virginia Regiment.
O. W. French, 4th Virginia Regiment.
F. I. Thrift, 4th Virginia Regiment.
R. A. Babb, 4th Virginia Regiment.

! Batted for Pearman in eighth.					
? Substituted for Pearman in ninth.					
W. & M.	AB	R	H	O	A
Heflin, 3b	4	0	1	1	0
Geddy, cf	4	0	2	0	0
Love, 2b	4	0	2	0	3
Murry, 1b	3	0	0	7	0
Cato, lf	3	0	0	2	1
Goslee, rf	4	0	0	1	0
Garber, c	3	0	0	13	1
Johnson, ss	2	0	0	0	0
Garnett, p	3	0	0	0	1
x Richardson, ss	1	0	1	0	0
z Close	1	0	1	0	0
Total	32	0	7	24	6

x Substituted for Johnson in eighth.
z Batted for Cato in ninth.

Score by innings: R
Rich'd College 1 1 4 0 0 0 2 3 z-11
William & Mary 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-0

Summary: Errors--Pitt, Heflin 2, Murry 3, Garber, Johnson 2. Two-base hit--Crossley. Sacrifice hit--Murry. Stolen bases--Liggin, Crossley, Carter, Pitt, Miller, Geddy, Heflin, Close. Double play--Joliff to Pitt to Crossley. Base on balls--off Garnett, 1. Batters hit--by Garnett, 2. Struck out--by Joliff, 6; by Garnett, 13. Time, 1:45. Umpire, Bigbie.

GRIGGS TRYING FOR OFFICE OF SECOND LIEUTENANT

D. M. Griggs left Sunday for Fortress Monroe, where he will take the examination for the office of second lieutenant in the army. College men are exempt from many of the mental exams. and receive their appointments through physical examinations and excellent marks in the mental exams. taken. Students receiving appointments are placed in special training camps for officers.

NEW REGULATIONS

PASSED BY COMMITTEE OF BOARD

Summer Session to be Co-ed. --Chair of Agriculture in Sight--Board of Visitors
Meet June 19th

Final action was taken here Friday by the Executive Committee of the Board of Visitors relative to closing College May 31st. After considering the issues in the case the Committee granted the request of the students, and College will close without Final celebrations on the date mentioned. The reason for the change was to afford the students an opportunity to assemble at the Fort Myer encampment as early as possible. A large number of students have indicated their intention to take training at Fort Myer this summer.

The Committee, while in session, also took up the question of admitting women to the William and Mary Summer School, which is held at Dublin, Va. Hereafter women will be allowed to take work at the summer session, receiving credits for the courses pursued.

In view of the great agitation for agricultural preparedness, the Committee instructed the Faculty to take steps for the establishment of a Chair of Agriculture for the next college year. A report with respect to the inauguration of the new department will be made at the meeting of the Board of Visitors June 19th.

Cavalry and artillery units of the Reserve Officers Training Corps have been established at the Virginia Military Institute by the United States Government. Horses, forage, equipment, and a detail of soldiers to care for them will be provided for by the Government. All available Institute funds have been appropriated, and as State institutions are prohibited from borrowing money stables, a plain for cavalry and field artillery must be constructed with money from other sources. The V. M. I. appeals to the alumni to give the amount necessary, \$10,000, for these facilities--The Cadet, V. M. I.

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PREPARE ON CAMPUS

There is at present a strong tendency among college students to transfer their domicile from the campus to the army tent. No in situations are to be directed against the motive of those who respond to their Country's call, but the advisability of leaving colleges where military training is in operation to enlist in the army finds little support.

In the first place the training pursued on the campus is directed by army officials, whose services have been procured to drill the college men without serious interference with the academic work. The military leaders of this nation have decided that a detachment of officers to the colleges is more practicable than the enlistment of the students in the army. They have even gone so far as to urge the colleges to continue their athletic activities, as this practice will harden the men, fitting them for strenuous military training in the summer encampments. Bringing the facts of the case nearer home, the recent provision for the early closing of College had for its aim the granting an opportunity to our students of an early enlistment in the encampments. The services of Capt. Puller were obtained for the purpose of holding the students in College by giving them military instruction on our campus. The system inaugurated here was coolly and wisely calculated to prepare the students for service without a collapse in the College work, against which the Educational system of our country has been warned by the leaders of our army.

In view of these facts, we laud the patriotic spirit of our students who have rallied to the flag, but we question their judgement in doing so at this time. The wisest course in our opinion is that prescribed by our College authorities, a continuance of your college work with the training in military tactics as provided here until the close of the session. This will prepare you for service. This will enable you to enter the military encampment with two months of preliminary training. An immediate enlistment is an unnecessary interruption of College work, and is without the approval of those best informed as to our country's need.

MILITARY TRAINING NOW IN OPERATION AT THE COLLEGE

Captain Puller, of the Richmond Blues, took charge of the William and Mary battalion last Tuesday. After assembling the students on the campus and calling to their earnest and serious consideration the work to be accomplished, Captain Puller immediately organized the body into squads under the command of students who had previously received training in military tactics.

The system of training now in operation consists of two hours drill daily (2:30 to 4:30), during which time strict military discipline is maintained. A failure to respond to orders or display the proper military courtesy to officers during the drill period renders the offender liable to demerits, which will lower the military grade of the student. Before drill was inaugurated by Captain Puller, the students were required to pledge their sincere support to the system.

With few exceptions the entire student body signed the pledge and have been attending drills regularly. After a week of active work, Capt. Puller stated that he was greatly pleased with the progress of the battalion.

SENIOR CLASS MEETING

Members of the Senior class met Friday night in the Phoenix Hall to take steps towards cancelling orders for invitations for Finals, and for caps and gowns, which were to be used in the celebrations. This action was in response to the closing of college two weeks earlier on account of the present crisis and the abolishing of all Final ceremonies. The committees were ordered to notify the firms of the recent ruling of the college authorities and to have the orders cancelled immediately. At this meeting a committee was appointed to report on the advisability of having a formal announcement of the abolition of the Final festivities printed.

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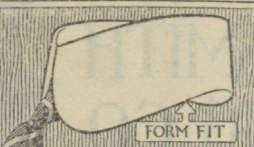
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begun to recognize that this foreign element is forming a real factor in American society. The problem in all its vastness is not the Negro's primarily, but one that belongs to the white man. The environment of the Negro is not separate and distinct from the white citizen, but the white man is vitally affected on every hand by contact with this inferior class. They laundry our clothes, they nurse our children, they cook our food, and do a thousand other things which influence our very existence. Should we not then be concerned with the health, the sanitary condition of the home, and the moral standard of the Negro?

"There have been three solutions offered for the problem that confronts the people of the United States, viz, transportation, amalgamation and education. The first was sanctioned and held by Jefferson, but even if such a plan had been practical in his day it would be almost unthinkable now to transport ten millions of people. The idea of amalgamation is repulsive to any true born American, while the plan of education has been found to work admirably. This latter is the method which is being used today by the Negro leaders themselves and by all the whites who have concerned themselves with the question at all." In conclusion Dr. Wilson declared, "If by delivering these lectures I can get twenty men interested in the problem, I shall not consider my speaking in vain; and this is why I have never refused to respond when the Y. M. C. A. has invited me to deliver them."

BLACKSTONE VS. ACADEMY

The Blackstone Military Academy trimmed the William & Mary Academy on Cary Field on the 18th to the score of 7 to 1.

The locals did not seem to show their usual spirit in the early part of the game, while the Cadets began with wide awake spirit and continued throughout the contest. Bruce did excellent work for the visitors.

Score by innings:
R B. M. A. 2 0 3 0 2 0 0 0 -7
W. M. A. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1-1

Batteries--B. M. A., Bruce and Pennington; W. M. A., West and Stout.

DELIGHTFUL ACADEMY DANCE

On Friday evening the students of the Academy gave a delightful dance at the Dance Hall. Mrs. L. W. Lane, Mrs. Spencer Lane, Misses Christian, Morecock and Mahome chaperoned the affair, and it was participated in by a large number of young people. Prof. Woods, of course, was present to share the enjoyment. At an early hour refreshments were served and the dancing continued until a late hour.

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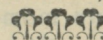
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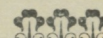
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THREE INNING CONTEST

After three innings of play the
game with U. T. S. Saturday was
called with the score standing 1 to 0
in favor of the Indians at the arrival
of a storm.

Geddy's three bagger drove in the
only run of the contest, which gave
promise of being a pitcher's battle
between Hedrick and Anderson.

Score by innings: R U. T. S. 0 0 0-0
W. & M. 0 0 1-0

Batteries—W. & M., Hedrick and
Close; U. T. S., Anderson and Boggs.
Umpire, Williams.

ANOMALY

He never tried to earn his bread,
Afraid it was not meet;
Supplying food he seemed to dread—
But oh, how he could eat!

He never cared for exercise;
On runners turned a frown:
But when a man displeased his eyes,
How well he ran him down.

He never thought to use his brain;
Of study he was free:
Yet met all books with cold disdain
And studied apathy.

He ne'er bespoke himself to speak;
All noises he foreswore;
A creak or squeak his soul would
pique—
But oh, how he could snore!—Ex.

THE PLEASING CHAP

"Why do you turn, O summer girl,
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